GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:8
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New Education Policy
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate new Education Policy in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has recently constituted any new panel/expert committee for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the agenda and work assigned to the committee;
(c) whether the Government also proposes to include fitness test in the said policy and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has set any timeline for submission of the report by the expert panel/committee, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 FOR REPLY ON 17.07.2017 ASKED BY SHRI C. MAHENDRAN AND SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL REGARDING NEW EDUCATION POLICY

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has initiated the process of formulating a New Education Policy (NEP), for which it carried out a highly participative, inclusive and multi-pronged consultation process, through online, grassroots and thematic expert consultations. The Ministry had constituted a Committee for Evolution of the New Education Policy under the chairmanship of Shri T.S.R. Subramanian which submitted its report on the 27th May, 2016 and thereafter, 'Some Inputs for the Draft National Education Policy, 2016' was formulated. The Ministry had written to all Government of India Ministries, State Governments, Members of Parliament and other stakeholders inviting comments/views/suggestions. An 'Education Dialogue' was also organized on 10th November, 2016 with the Hon'ble MPs to discuss the suggestions and to elicit their views. The five main pillars of education which the proposed New Education Policy will focus are: Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability.
The Government has, on 24th June 2017, recently constituted a 9-member Committee for preparation of the draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of eminent scientist Padma Vibhushan Dr. K. Kasturirangan. The other eight members of the Committee are Dr. Vasudha Kamat, former Vice-Chancellor of SNDT University, Mumbai; Shri K. J. Alphonse, former IAS; Dr. Manjul Bhargava, Professor of Mathematics, Princeton University USA, Fields Medalist in Mathematics; Dr. Ram Shankar Kureel, Vice-Chancellor of Baba Saheb Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Madhya Pradesh; Prof. T.V. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak; Shri Krishna Mohan Tripathi, former Chairperson of Uttar Pradesh High School and Intermediate Examination Board; Dr. Mazhar Asif, Professor, Department of Persian, Gauhati University, Guwahati; and Dr. M.K. Sridhar, former Member Secretary Karnataka Innovation Council and Karnataka Knowledge Commission and CABE Member. The Committee will examine all the suggestions and inputs received and prepare a draft National Education Policy.
(c): It is premature to comment on the content of the Policy at this stage.
(d): The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st December, 2017.
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